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CHICAGO WHOLESALE FISH MARKET RECEIPTS FOR MAY

About 4,793,000 pounds of fresh and frozen fishery products were received during May at the Chicago Wholesale Fish Market, according to monthly summary figures released today by the Chicago Fishery Market News office of the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

Compared with last month's arrivals of 4,995,000 pounds, this represents a decrease of 202,000 pounds, or 4 percent. A slight decrease of 12,000 pounds is shown compared with the April 1941 figure of 4,805,000 pounds.

During May 1942, 79 classifications of seafood--fish and shellfish, fresh- and salt-water--from 24 states and 6 provinces of Canada, were sent to this market. Of the total receipts, 2,575,000 pounds were fresh-water fish, 1,470,000 pounds salt-water fish, and 748,000 pounds were shellfish.

Domestic catch accounted for 3,629,000 of the total May receipts; 1,164,000 pounds were imported (including the catch taken by United States vessels and shipped through Canada to the United States in bond). Imports were greatest from British Columbia--in bond, which sent in 523,000 pounds, mostly fresh and frozen halibut.

Fresh-water species--fresh and frozen--received in greatest abundance at the Chicago Market during May were lake trout (583,000 pounds); sheepshead (443,000 pounds); and carp (209,000 pounds).

Predominating salt-water species of fish were fresh and frozen halibut (691,000 pounds) and frozen rosefish fillets (301,000 pounds).

Varieties of shellfish received at the Chicago Market included 640,000 pounds of fresh and frozen shrimp, and 29,000 pounds of frozen spiny lobster tails.

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